

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez today announced that the Democratic Caucus Steering Committee has appointed her to serve on the U.S. House Judiciary Committee. With this appointment, Sánchez becomes the first Latina to ever serve on the Judiciary Committee in the history of the House of Representatives. Additionally, she will be the only Latino and the only freshman member serving on the Committee in the 108th Congress.

Sánchez is an attorney and has practiced in the areas of appellate, civil rights, and employment law. She will bring this experience to the Judiciary Committee which is charged with considering many of the most important issues facing the nation.

Specifically, the Committee considers all legislation pertaining to the judiciary and to civil and criminal judicial reform; apportionment of Representatives; bankruptcy; mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting; civil liberties; constitutional amendments; federal courts and judges; immigration and naturalization; interstate compacts; national penitentiaries; patents, copyrights, and trademarks; presidential succession; and protection of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies. The Committee also has jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Justice as well as federal aid to local law enforcement.

"I am thrilled to be appointed to the Judiciary Committee. This will give me the opportunity to work on issues that are critical to the families of my district. Among my top priorities will be reducing crime and gun violence, protecting all of our citizen's civil rights and liberties, and addressing key immigration and intellectual property issues," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

Sánchez will be appointed to one additional House Committee that has not yet been announced.